

A Celebration of Worship

March 15, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Once you lived in darkness.

P: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

L: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God’s ways.

P: The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God’s light.

L: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

P: Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

UMH #277

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER

HYMN

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

UMH #380

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-7, 24-25 (NRSV)

SERMON

“God Looks Like Jesus, Light of the World”

Pastor Kevin Rea

*HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

UMH #467

OFFERING PRAYER: Loving God, just as Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind, open our eyes today to see Your presence in our lives and in the world around us. We bring these gifts as a response to the light You have given us — light that transforms darkness into hope, and despair into joy. May what we offer be used to bring vision where there is blindness, compassion where there is need, and truth where there is confusion. Bless these offerings, and bless us, that we may walk as children of the Light, sharing Your love with all. In the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

UMH #672

*BENEDICTION/*POSTLUDE

Thank you Donna Waddle, Crestview UMC, for selecting this Sunday’s hymns.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Shawn McCoy

Fellowship: Jane Roth

Next Sunday (3/22):

Liturgist: John Swihart

Fellowship: Rowene Helwick

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**Please Stand*

****Hearing Assist Units** are available from an usher.

***** Children** are always welcome to stay in worship. Activity bags are available for them to use. They are hanging on a rack outside the sanctuary.

Connection Card

Welcome to Topeka Grace UMC!

We are so glad you are here. Please take a moment to complete this card in its entirety and place it in the offering plate.

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Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email @gmail.com @yahoo.com @cox.net

- ☐ Please update my contact info.
- ☐ Add me to the church email list.

Attending with me today:

I am a: ☐ Out of town Guest

☐ First time Guest ☐ Frequent Guest

☐ Second time Guest ☐ Member

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Please:

☐ Share with Prayer Team

☐ Keep confidential (Pastor only)

This person is:

☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Member

☐ Self ☐ Co-worker ☐ Other

My name: _____

Date: _____

Contact Info.: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 16

12:00 pm AA - #3

7:30 pm NA - #3

Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick’s Day

1:00 pm - Lent Small Group at Grace

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

6:00 pm - Lent Small Group at Crestview



Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm AA - Parlor

Thursday, March 19

9:00 am - Seniors Day Out

5:45 pm Women AA - #3

6:00 pm TOPS - Parlor

Friday, March 20

7:00 am - Shepherd Center Adventures in Learning

6:30 pm NA - #3

Saturday, March 21

Mission Statement

Grace United Methodist Church is growing into an open, welcoming, and accepting Christ-centered community, committed to sharing the transforming love of Christ, and loving all people all the time!

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United Methodist Church

GOD LOOKS LIKE JESUS



Light of the World

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